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SUBJECT: ENERGY: NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) HEARINGS ON
KITIMAT PIPELINE PROJECT

REF: VANCOUVER 245

1. SENIOR NEB OFFICIALS INFORMED FEA CONSULTANT ROBINSON AND EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 16 THAT KITIMAT HEARINGS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED FOR EARLY SUMMER HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SECOND WEEK IN AUGUST. NEB OFFICIALS EXPECT HEARINGS TO RUN FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS FROM THAT TIME. THEY CITED TWO REASONS FOR DELAY: (1) TO ALLOW TIME FOR PREPARATION OF SUBMISSION REGARDING PROPOSAL TO REVERSE THE TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE WHICH WILL BE HEARD WITH THE KITIMAT PROPOSAL; AND (2) TO PERMIT THE USE OF WRITTEN INTERROGATORIES WHICH NEB HOPES WILL SHORTEN THE HEARING PROCESS. NEB OFFICIALS SAID BOARD WILL CONCLUDE HEARINGS, MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION AND EXPECTS TO HAVE A DECISION FROM CABINET BEFORE 31 DECEMBER.

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2. SINCE REFTTEL INDICATES THAT THOMPSON INQUIRY INTO TRANSPORTATION OF OIL OFF B.C. COAST IS OPERATING ON TIMETABLE COMPATIBLE WITH NEB SCHEDULE ON LANDWARD ASPECTS OF OIL PIPELINE PROPOSALS, GOC MAY BE IN POSITION TO DECIDE BEFORE YEAR END WHETHER TO APPROVE AND WHERE TO SITE A WEST COAST TERMINAL FOR TRANSHIPMENT OF ALASKAN CRUDE OIL. ACTUAL TIMING OF DECISION MAY BE INFLUENCED BY

CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS PUBLIC REACTION TO GAS PIPELINE
DECISION WHICH MUST BE MADE IN SUMMER OR EARLY FALL AND
TIMING OF NEXT FEDERAL ELECTION PRESENTLY EXPECTED BEFORE
MIDDLE OF 1978. ENDERS

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